

# Marshfield Conservation Commission

## 77 th Meeting

2 January, 2013

Members Attending: Annie Reed, Sarah Norton, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Brett Engstrom, and Bob Popp

Review of Minutes: December minutes accepted with one correction. Approved unanimously

### Stranahan Town Forest:

- Bob mentioned that Chris Hammer would like to have a demonstration field trip to Stranahan to observe the timber marking. Russ Barrett, Washington Co. forester, was fine with doing this. The marking has not yet occurred.
- Brett requested that Ed provide notice; he thought he could give 3 or 4 days.
- **Ed** will follow up with Bobbi regarding the establishment of the dedicated fund.

**Note:** following the meeting Ed did follow up and Bobbi stated she knew nothing of this. John Warshow told Bob that the SB supported a dedicated fund. Jenny will ask John and **Bob** will follow up.

### Martin Covered Bridge:

- Brett has already spoken with Bobbi re. the rip rapping at the bridge.
- Rich has apologized for not contacting the MCC and explained it was only bank work and no work was intended to occur within the stream.
- Steve inquired as to whether the Management Plan was being followed, and if not, why not?
- **Brett** will look into the management plan and see where stewardship responsibility resides and what its status is.
- Brett was concerned about spreading silt and excavating in the floodplain, but some others were not as concerned.
- **Brett** will contact the Selectboard re. excavating in the floodplain
- **Bob** will provide notice of pertinent agenda items for SB, PC, and DRB although he has still not been able to contact the PC

### Friends of Winooski:

- Steve passed out results of their water quality sampling.
- Tributaries all meet standards, whereas the main stem has some problem areas: specifically Marshfield and Plainfield Villages.
- Total Phosphorus and N are generally not a problem so not much enrichment. N is a bit high in Great Brook.
- Some streams show some evidence of chloride from road salt, albeit minimal.

- FoTW will meet next Wed the 9<sup>th</sup> at Old Schoolhouse to discuss sampling for 2013 and other planning efforts such as riparian plantings.
- Brett requested that they try to use only species native to the watershed and asked that they provide the species list to review beforehand.

Marshfield Natural History Book: Sarah provided quotes for reprinting.

- Another printing of 500 copies would be \$ 955; another 250 would \$547
- The printer needs a minimum of 2 weeks notice
- Initial printing was 500 copies
- **Brett** will request permission at the next SB meeting to use MCC funds for the printing
- MCC will discuss next meeting and decide whether to go ahead with another printing.

Plant Sale:

- No word from Allen, so tabled.

**Note:** subsequent to the meeting Allen stated that meeting will occur on Thurs, 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM at Positive Pie in Plnflld.

New Business: Goals for 2013

- Annie suggested a wetland inventory of at least town owned and lands within the 600ft Agricultural/Residential District. Suggested applying for municipal planning grant and/or watershed grant.
- Suggestion to outline a draft proposal.
- Sarah suggested leading field trips to each of the locations in the book. She also suggested having a book signing party as a kickoff to the trips.
- Pursue better communication with other town boards/committees.
- Initiate a speakers program
- More joint programs with Plainfield & Cabot; possibly co-sponsoring speakers.
- Joint program with energy committee

**Folks should think about additional goals for 2013 for next meeting.**

Announcements: VT Assoc. of Conservation Coms. is now under auspices of VNRC.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Popp

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Approved On: 5 Feb 2013